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EDITORIAL by C. Ferguson

*Make Peace Your New Year's Resolution!*

Another year has passed, and with the start of a brand new year, we are still faced with some old problems. The re-election of Reagan and the election of Mulroney, were heavy blows to progressive people in both countries, but we must not despair. Although they emerged victorious, they still have to contend with the fast growing peace movement on both sides of the border. Therefore, it is more imperative than ever that we win people over to our position regarding the arms race, activating even more massive disarmament campaigns, rallies and demonstrations.

In the past, the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council has been very active, and 1985 will be no exception. The Highlights of the year will be: The second annual Peace Seminar on January 12th at Cariboo College; tentatively, April 27th has been chosen for our annual "Walk for Peace"; In August the memorial for the first victims of atomic warfare; and in October, we recognize U.N. Disarmament Week. Val Carey hosts a weekly TV show on Channel 10, Thursday evenings called "KSPC Presents"; and this newsletter is published every two months with a mailing list of over 150. Other events are organized due to daily situations around the globe.

We are pleased that Project Ploughshares and the Ba'Hai Community were active in the past year, and we wish to thank them for their help and cooperation in our activities. We were also happy that they once again sponsored the "Christmas Walk for Peace" and hosted "Human Rights Day" activities.

Peace Councils are active in nearly every Canadian city, with activities similar to our own. The Canadian Peace Congress, located in Toronto, the head body of the Councils, hosted a "World Dialogue on Prevention of Nuclear War" in November, to which they invited some 60 world leaders in the peace movement. Representatives from the United Nations Agencies, and Canadian peace workers completed the meeting of some 200 participants.

Other peace groups, too numerous to mention, are making their contributions to the Canadian peace movement and for the easing of international tensions.

Lastly, I urge each reader to make a New Year's Resolution: Join the peace movement, if you have not already done so. Attend your local meetings of Peace Council, Ploughshares, Ba'Hai or form your own group, but get involved wherever you can. Support and work with other groups in our community. We cannot stress too much the necessity of becoming a member of any such group that appeals to you.



The APPEAL from the DIALOGUE ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR has just arrived and we will print it for our readers as it is of the utmost importance.

### APPEAL

We are meeting at a very dangerous and most crucial period in history, in which Life on Earth is in the greatest danger ever, due to the unprecedented nuclear arms build-up. The latter is more than sufficient to eliminate the entire humanity and to destroy civilization many times over. Yet despite this, new and sophisticated weapons and means of delivery are being produced. Pershing II and Cruise missiles, which can destroy their targets within a few minutes are being deployed in a number of West European countries, despite overwhelming popular resistance.

Scenarios of "Star wars" are being planned by the military strategists and extra billions of dollars are being spent for the militarization of outer space.

Reason cannot comprehend the extent of this nuclear madness. The nuclear arms race is a challenge to all humanity, to all nations large and small, to all political forces and religious beliefs. The global military build-up and growing military budgets lead to the squandering of human and material resources, and increase material sufferings in many countries. Poverty and illiteracy, unemployment, alienation and frustration are direct results of the militarization of the economy and political life. Millions of people are dying of hunger in the developing world, while billions of dollars are spent on preparation for war.

There is no other alternative to the arms race than peaceful cooperation. We have to stop the arms race and assure effective collective security of all nations.

A freeze on the testing, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament have become universal demands of millions of people all over the world. There is no other way for humanity but to freeze, reduce and finally eliminate nuclear arsenals.

The participants in the Dialogue welcome the adoption by an overwhelming majority in the United Nations of a resolution demanding an immediate freeze on production, deployment and testing of nuclear weapons as a first step to ban all nuclear weapons.

We regretted that 11 states, headed by the USA, voted against this resolution which corresponds to the call of anti-war and peace movements the world over. We welcome the clear declaration by the Soviet Union of its readiness to agree to a freeze now, and call upon the U.S. administration to make a similar declaration.

We demand that all promises on the elimination of the threat of nuclear war and the reduction of nuclear arms given during the election campaign by the re-elected US President, will be carried out in compliance with the wishes of the majority of the American people. We demand that all nuclear weapon powers follow the Soviet Union in pledging not to be the first to use nuclear weapons. Peoples all over the world demand an end to all nuclear tests, the cancellation of plans for militarization of outer space, the removal of all nuclear weapons and, in the first place, firststrike missiles, from Europe.

Further, the threat of military invasions, building of military bases, militarisation of ocean, propping up and supplying sophisticated weapons to dictators, promoting destabilisation and assassination of those political leaders in the developing countries who are for disarmament and peace, national independence and development, poses a major danger and effort is to be made to fight against these manoeuvres.

We appeal to all humanity - in the trade unions, the churches, the political parties, the organisations of the youth, of women and of the aged - to all persons of good will. Above all, we appeal to the peace and anti-war movements to unite their efforts in common actions for the preservation of life on our planet. We are confident that dialogue and cooperation can and will prevail over mistrust. Acting together we can win a lasting peace and open the way to the triumph of peace all over the world.

WORLD DIALOGUE ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR,  
FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE  
TORONTO, NOVEMBER 23-25, 1984



PEACE BEARS HOT ITEM

This Christmas we sold teddy bears to raise funds for the Peace Council. Even though we started late in the season, we sold all the bears we could make, and have some back orders to fill. Therefore, we would like to start making them right now for other events, and to ensure a good stock for next Christmas.

Anyone who is interested in this project, please contact Charmian at 374-3269. We will supply the material and pattern, we just need seamstresses, whether you can only make one or one hundred!

We tied the teddy bears in with our "Boycott War Toys" campaign resulting in good press coverage in both local papers.

"BOYCOTT WAR TOYS" CAMPAIGN

Our campaign was successful. An information leaflet was handed out to shoppers at the larger centres during the Christmas season; letters were sent to managers of all the larger stores carrying war toys and letters to the editors of local papers were printed asking everyone to boycott such items. The public's response was overwhelmingly in our favour.

VETS FOR PEACE

A new peace organization has contacted us and requested that we pass on the information for them. They call themselves, "Veterans for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament". The B.C. address is

Woody Coward  
R.R. #2, Galiano Island, B.C.  
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Some of their plans include:  
Forming a "special names" advisory council of distinguished ex-service people; initiate a gathering in May 1985 commemorating the meeting of allied and Soviet troops 40 years ago; conduct study sessions and conferences to increase their knowledge on current events regarding national security and disarmament.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

1985 Memberships are due again. If you have not already renewed yours, please do. The costs of mailing Peace News has gone up, but we are keeping the membership the same as last year.

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I wish to be a member of the Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council. Please enroll me in the following category:

Individual: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Family or organizational/Sustaining: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CRUISE TESTS IN 1985

Unfortunately, the Mulroney government is planning to allow the United States to conduct more cruise missile tests this year. We hear through the grapevine that a new peace camp is being considered for the testing area, probably at Cold Lake.

Peace groups across Canada are planning to protest every test, and Kamloops is no exception. KSPC and Project Ploughshares are co-sponsoring the activities here.

On the Saturday following the announcement of each test, we will gather at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. Speakers will be present and a letter of protest will be available to sign. We ask that all concerned people spread the word so that the maximum number of people can express their opposition to cruise testing.

NATIONAL DEFENSE GOES SHOPPING

Canada will spend \$8.2 million to purchase the "Nixie Torpedo Defense System" from Aerojet Electrosystems in Azusa, Cal. National Defense describes the system as a "decoy towed behind warships." Aerojet Electrosystems must be laughing all the way to the bank at our expense!

And speaking of government misspending, the cost of one CF-18 fighter plane has climbed from the original \$18 million apiece to \$62 million each. That \$62 million is almost equal to the amount cut from the budget of the CBC. And we will be buying 138 CF-18's from the McDonnell-Douglas Corporation. The US arms manufacturers know a sucker when they see one!

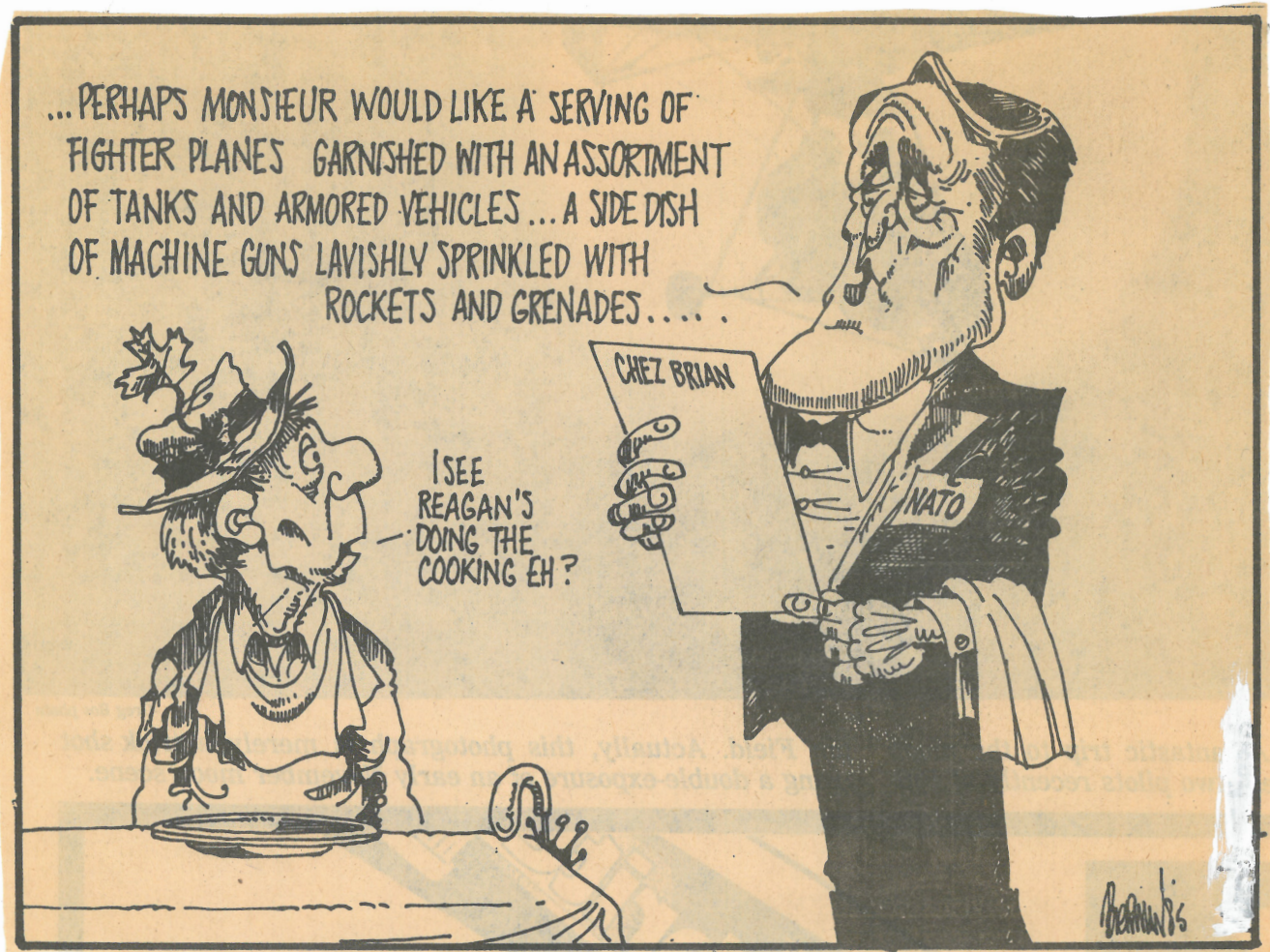
DID YOU MISS THEM?

Two programmes of interest to the peace movement have been aired on the "box" recently, "Testament," a full-length film about a mother coping with the aftermath of nuclear war, and "Webster!" featuring Dr. Helen Caldicott. If you missed these, or would like to see either or both again, please call Val at 376-6053 and we can arrange for you to see them.

A thousand faiths with a common dream  
A thousand tongues with a common theme  
A thousand thoughts with a single plan:  
Peace on earth and goodwill to man.

— Joe Wallace





#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

JANUARY 12/85 - KSPC PEACE SEMINAR at Cariboo College Board Room. 9:00 A.M. Registration. Four Workshops are confirmed: Economics of the Arms Race by E. Bjarason; Teaching Peace - Alternatives to Apathy and Despair by Al Mackinnon; Churches' Response to the Arms Race by Ploughshares and Ba'Hai Community; Music for Peace by Tom Hawken. Lunch at nominal fee.

JANUARY 14/85 - KSPC Meeting 7:30 P.M. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE!  
523 McKenzie Avenue. Phone 376-6053 for more information.

FEBRUARY 11/85 - KSPC Meeting 7:30 P.M. - 523 McKenzie. Please plan on attending and bring a friend.

#### PROJECT OF THE MONTH:

Join a peace group of your choice and become active in it. If you already belong to a group, encourage a friend to join the peace movement.

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